3. Ramagundam-Khamman 400 KV S/C line, commissioned on 27-12-91.

4. Khamman-Vijayawada 400 KV S/C commissioned on 20-3-92.

5. Bus Reactor at Vijayawada sub-station commissioned on 27-3-92.

The stringing target of transmission line for 1992-93 in Andhra Pradesh is NIL.

Plant load factor of units of Ramagundam N.T.P.C. Station

1241. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what was the plant load factor of the units of Ramagundam NTPC station;

(b) what are the reasons for the low plant load factor at Ramagundam; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to improve the plant load factor during the year 1992-93?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (e) The Plant Load Factor (PLF) of the Ramagundam Station of NTPC was 61.2 per cent in 1991-92 as compared to 51.85 per cent in 1990-91. Still higher PLF could not be achieved primarily due to shortage of coal. A Committee has been constituted to recommend measures for augmenting coal supplies for Ramagundam Station during 1992-93. The report of the Committee has not been received.

Proposal for the Development of a National Power Grid

1242. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Miinster of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government consideration for the development of a National Power Grid;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c) The National Power Grid is in the process of development with the continued augmentation of Extra High Voltage lines in the Central Sector and creation/strengthening of the Inter-State and Inter-Regional transmission linke, and load despatch facilities.

Power generation capacity of APSEB

1243. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the electric power generation capacity added to APSEB during the year 1991-92; and

(b) what are the targets for the year 1992-93?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b) The details of capacity addition in Andhra Pradesh State Electricity

Board during 1991-92 and target for 1992-93 are as under:—

Sl. No.	Name of the Project and Unit No.	Hydro/ Thermal	Capacity (MW)	
			Programme	Actual
1	Penna Ahobilam-1	H	10	..
2	Penna Ahobilam-2	H	10	..
3	Nagar Junasagar LBC-1	H	30	30
4	Nagar Junasagar LBC-2	H	30	30
5	Vijjeswaram ST-1	T	33	33
1992-93				
1	Penna Ahsobilam	H	20	..

Funds from World Bank for development of power sector

1244. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have sought funds from World Bank for development of power sector;

(b) whether it is a fact that the World Bank has insisted on certain conditionalities, including revision of tariff;

(c) how many State Electricity Boards have agreed to these conditionalities; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that the Karnataka Government did not agree to revise the power tariff for the agriculture sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c) Discussions are being held with the World Bank regarding the funding of new power projects. The projects to be funded are yet to be decided.

(d) There is no project of Karnataka which is being posed to the World Bank.

Decline in share of hydro electricity in the power sector

1245. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for decline in the share of hydro-electricity in the power sector;

(b) whether it is a fact that only 14 per cent of potential hydro-power has been harnessed; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to increase hydro-power generation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) The main reasons for the decline in the share of hydro electricity in the power sector are that after the 3rd Plan there was a shift in the emphasis in favour of coal-based thermal projects, as they took somewhat shorter time for commissioning. Other reasons include fund constraints, inter-State disputes regarding sharing of water rehabilitation of displaced persons, quisition of land, afforestation and rehabilitation of displaced persons. and managerial deficiencies.

(b) Yes, Sir.